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SUBJECT: REFUGEES FROM SOUTH VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. ON APRIL 8, 1975, THE PRESIDENT SIGNED A DETERMINATION ORDER PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES FROM SOUTH VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA. THE DETERMINATION ORDER COVERS ONLY CONVENTION REFUGEES, I.E., THOSE PERSONS OUTSIDE THEIR COUNTRY OF NATIONAL ORIGIN OR HABITUAL RESIDENCE AND TCN'S WHO WERE/ARE EMPLOYEES OF THE GKR, GVN, OR USG, EITHER ON A DIRECT-HIRE OR CONTRACT BASIS. THE TOTAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS UNDER SECTION 2(B) (2) OF THE MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1962 IS DOLS 5 MILLION FOR BOTH GROUPS.

2. AS EMBASSY AWARE, A NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE WHO HAVE DEPARTED COUNTRY ILLEGALLY ARE TURNING UP IN HONG KONG, SINGAPORE AND OTHER PLACES. SOME ARE BEING ASSISTED BY THEIR FORMER EMPLOYERS; OTHERS HAVE PRIVATE MEANS. HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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THERE, WILL BE SOME WHO WILL BE DESTITUTE AND WILL TURN

TO US OR INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES FOR ASSISTANCE. WE WOULD LIKE TO SORT THESE PEOPLE OUT AND RENDER AID AS NECESSARY, BUT IN SUCH MANNER THAT KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD DO LEAST DAMAGE TO GVN POSITION OR TO INTERNAL ORDER.

3. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS SOONEST WITH RESPECT TO PROVIDING USG ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME TO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF VIETNAMESE AND OTHER REFUGEES ONCE THEY ARE OUTSIDE SOUTH VIET-NAM AND APPROACH US FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE.

- 1) VIETNAMESE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE USG.
- 2) CLOSE VIETNAMESE RELATIVES OF U.S. CITIZENS, PERMANENT RESIDENTS OR HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS IN US.
- 3) THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS EMPLOYED BY USG.
- 4) FORMER VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES OF USG INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCIES.
- 5) FORMER VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES OF OTHER USG AGENCIES.
- 6) SENIOR GVN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS.
- 7) NON-OFFICIAL VIETNAMESE CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE U.S. (U.S.) EDUCATED, EXCHANGE VISITORS, EMPLOYEES OF U.S. COMPANIES OR VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, ETC.

4. DEPT. HAS REQUESTED THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL UTILIZE HIS PAROLE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 212(D) (5) TO PAROLE INTO THE U.S. REFUGEES FROM SOUTH VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA.

5. TO DATE, NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED, IF REPLY FAVORABLE, WE WOULD UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS WITH INTERESTED CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. KISSINGER

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